GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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INFRASTRUCTURAL FACILITIES AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether infrastructural facilities available at the airports are not sufficient enough to keep pace with the increase in air traffic;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to overcome the situation in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the said Committee;

(e) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon; and

(f) the other steps taken/likely to be taken by the Government to overcome the situation in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) of the Lok Sabha Starred () Question No.242 for reply on 15.03.2007.

(a) & (b) : The pace of growth of the aviation sector has surpassed all expectations. To meet the increasing demand, the international airports at Delhi and Mumbai have been restructured for development and modernization. Simultaneously, Greenfield airports at Hyderabad and Bangalore are under construction and are expected to be commissioned by mid 2008. Modernization and development of Kolkata and Chennai airports is also on the anvil. Further, 35 non-metro airports would be upgraded to world-class standards by the Airports Authority of India (AAI). Moreover, States are being facilitated to set up Greenfield airports, with private sector participation.

(c) & (d) : The Committee on Infrastructure had constituted an Inter-Ministerial Task Force to prepare a financing plan for development of airports. The Task Force broadly recommended that airports should be developed following the Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. In respect of non-metro airports, Airports Authority of India (AAI) should be entrusted with air-side and terminal building development while city side development could be awarded on PPP basis. (e) & (f) The Committee on Infrastructure approved the Report of the Task Force subject to the following conditions: -

(i)Instead of phasing airports in a sequential manner, development of all the 35 non-metro airports may be taken up under the authority and responsibility of AAI.

(ii)In select airports, particularly the larger ones, wholly owned subsidiaries of AAI may be created for development and operations of the respective airports.

(iii)Development of airports in the North-East (NE) region must be taken up by AAI on a priority basis.

The Terminal Buildings and Air side works have been awarded / sanctioned for most of the airports which require immediate capacity addition taking into consideration the air traffic growth.